

land, for their continued interest in our work, and their continued efforts on our behalf. In reference to assistance from the old country, he felt that as the Church of Scotland had been obliged to reduce its grants to British Columbia it would not be wise to apply to them for any increase of their grants to Canada at the present time, but, he would be glad if the presence of Dr. Cairns would result in the United Church of Scotland doing something in the direction named. As a child of that Church, he (Mr. King) was sorry to see that in these latter years it had forgotten the colonial work altogether. He hoped that Dr. Cairns would endeavour to bring it into line with the other Churches.

Mr. CAMPBELL, Montreal, felt sure that the Church of Scotland could be relied upon for substantial aid towards the colonization of Manitoba, and for laying the foundations of Presbyterianism in the great North West Territories.

#### EVENING SEDERUNT.

The attendance this evening was very large, the body of the church being quite full, and the galleries very nearly so. The occasion which called forth such an ovation was the reading of the Foreign Mission reports and the presence of distinguished delegates from Scotland.

#### FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS.

Dr. MCGREGOR presented the report of the Eastern Section, and Professor McLaren, that of the Western Section. The receipts for the first were \$13,239.10, and for the second, \$22,471.59 — total, \$35,710.69. The debt on the Eastern Fund was reduced last year from \$4,121.27 to \$2,361.90. Although a larger amount by \$656, had been raised in the Western Section this year than last, by reason of exceptional and unavoidable expenditure for buildings at Indore, and also at Tamsui, the debt upon the Western Fund had increased from \$5,008 to \$16,558. It would be therefore necessary for the Church to raise for the next year just twice as much as was contributed last year.

PRINCIPAL GRANT moved that the two Foreign Mission reports be received and laid on the table, and their fuller consideration be made the order of the day for Wednesday forenoon. It was felt that the whole evening should be given to this subject; also that the Assembly would be helped, not hindered, in their duty of considering the reports by the presence of their friends from Scotland. It was felt that it would be unfair to the members of the Assembly to attempt to pass the adoption of the reports now; all that was to be done was to put them fairly before the

House, and fix a time for their consideration. There were always, in every court, men who looked with proper suspicion on members of committees. They did so little, and got so much for doing it, that they should be carefully watched! They knew that committees sometimes sat for three or four days; that the conveners and secretaries gave great time and thought to the work, but had a malicious pleasure in doing wrong, and were always getting into debt, and, in fact, rather liked getting into debt; therefore, instead of moving the adoption of the reports it was only proposed that they should be received. They might have trusted to the right feeling of the Assembly, but the Committee felt that they were in circumstances which demanded the thoughtful consideration of every member of the House. It was one of the misfortunes of the Church being divided into two sections, that people in the West did not know much about the work in the East, and people in the East did not know much about the work in the West. The Church had five Foreign Missions, and these represented various classes of Foreign Mission fields. There were two missions to decaying races, the missions to the South Sea Islands and to the Indians of our own North West. Secondly, two missions to the vast ancient heathen civilizations of the world, namely to China and India, and then between the two a block of 30,000 people that have been exported from the dense mass of Hindooism to the Island of Trinidad, almost realizing the idea of Dr. Duff, who longed for a piece to be broken off the great pyramid of Hindooism, to see if the forces of Christianity would act as a solvent for it. Everyone would say at once,—"Too many missions for a church like ours!" When this church was new born in Montreal five years ago, it entered on the labours of four distinct churches. When the Church consisted of only about five hundred, the Lord commanded them to go and preach in all lands. They couldn't help it, there were the five missions thrown upon their hands, and which were they to throw up? The one at the South Sea Islands was contiguous to the Australian churches; that would leave the Eastern church with only one field. At the same time, when we came to the Western section, he asked which of the three would they advise the Church to give up? Should they give up the one to the Indians of the North-West, the old lords of the soil, do nothing for them to raise them in the scale of Christianity or civilization? or China, where God had blessed them in so marvellous a way? or India, our own fellow subjects? There were men there who had been brought into the Church and had made more sacrifices by joining the Church than the whole Church put together had made in sending